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FYI: THE FOLLOWING QUESTION AND ANSWER WAS PART OF JOSEPH LUNS' INFORMAL EXCHANGE WITH THE PRESS FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD, SEPTEMBER 15, 1976:

"QUESTION: WHAT IS THE SITUATION ABOUT SPAIN BEING ADMITTED TO NATO?

ANSWER: MAY I SAY THAT ALL OF THE COUNTRIES OF NATO APPLAUD THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN, WHICH THEY ALL SEE AS A STRENGTHENING OF THE DEFENSIVE POWER OF THE ALLIES -- INDIRECTLY, OF COURSE. SECONDLY, ALL OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE HAVE WELCOMED AND ARE HAPPY WITH THE CHANGES WHICH OCCURRED IN SPAIN AFTER THE DISAPPEARANCE OF GENERALISSIMO FRANCO.

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THIRDLY, QUITE A FEW MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE WOULD NOW BE

READY TO DISCUSS SPECIAL LINKS BETWEEN SPAIN AND NATO
MEMBERSHIP OF SPAIN WITH NATO, AS WELL AS WITH THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

BUT THE CONSENSUS IS STILL LACKING. THERE ARE ALSO COUNTRIES

WHO IN PRINCIPLE ARE READY TO ADMIT SPAIN, BUT THINK THAT
THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION MUST BE PURSUED FURTHER,
ESPECIALLY TO SEE WHEN AND HOW THE SITUATION WILL BE AFTER
THE GENERAL ELECTIONS. ROBINSON

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